



EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH *for* ETHICAL LIVES



29 November – 3 December 2026



QUT Kelvin Grove, Brisbane



CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

You are invited to submit a symposium to the

Australian Association for Research in Education Conference 2026

KEY DATES

Call for abstracts	1 May 2026
Abstract close	26 June 2026
Abstract reviewing commencement	Early July 2026
Author acceptance and program announcement	Early August 2026

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

- You should read this document before proceeding.
- All submissions must be made via the online portal.
- Delegates can be a 'presenting author' on a maximum of two presentations (e.g. 2 papers, or 1 paper and 1 roundtable). It is possible to be listed as part of an author team on more than two presentations. However, the Program Committee can only guarantee no program clashes for up to two presentation slots for any individual as presenting author. In addition to these two presentations, the Program Committee can guarantee no clashes with the role of discussant on one symposium.
- Please ensure ALL authors/presenters are aware of, and agree with, the abstract details as well as the submission terms and conditions.

CONFERENCE THEME

Educational Research for Ethical Lives

In 2026, AARE invites delegates to consider the conference theme 'Educational Research for Ethical Lives.' In an era characterised by social, environmental, technological and political complexity, educational research plays an increasingly important role in illuminating, questioning and responding to the ethical responsibilities and challenges that lie at the heart of education.

Please see the conference website for further information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PRESENTATION FORMAT

Symposium

A symposium is a themed group of papers that is submitted as a single proposal. It usually includes a symposium chair to introduce the session and a discussant who responds to the session overall. A symposium abstract includes an overview of the symposium theme and rationale, and an abstract for each paper is also included. Symposium proposals are reviewed by the identified relevant SIG. At the 2026 conference, the standard length of a symposium will be 90 minutes for up to 4-5 papers, inclusive of an initial introduction by the chair and time at the end of the session for a discussant to respond to the papers.

Note: this document covers symposium submissions only. All other submissions, including individual papers, roundtable papers, posters, and workshops need to be entered in a different system.

SYMPOSIUM ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS

Please see below for the questions that will appear on the online submission form.

Presentation Title (max 20 words)

Enter the full title of your abstract. The title should be as brief as possible but long enough to clearly reflect the nature of your abstract. This title may appear in all Conference information (includes print, website, app and social media).

The title should be written in sentence case (not be all caps). Capital letters should only be used at the beginning of the title, for a proper noun or after a colon. The title cannot be longer than the specified number of words.

Special Interest Groups

Please select of the following Special Interest Groups (SIG) that best fits your submission. These categories will be used by the Program Committee and SIG Convenors for review:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research	Language and Literacy
Arts Education Practice Research	Learning Environments
Assessment and Measurement	Motivation and Learning
Children and student voice across all sectors	Politics and Policy in Education

Cultural Historical and Activity Theory	Poststructural Theory
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse education	Professional and Higher Education
Curriculum Inquiry	Qualitative Research Methodologies
Early Childhood	Quantitative Research Methodologies
Educational Leadership	Rural Education
Educational Philosophy and Theory	Schools and Education Systems
Environmental and Sustainability Education	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Gender, Sexualities & Cultural Studies	Social Justice
Global Contexts for Education	Sociology of Education
Health and Physical Education	Teacher Education and Research Innovation
History and Education	Teachers' Work and Lives
Inclusive Education	Technology and Learning

Symposium description (max 300 words)

The symposium description should not repeat the title, authors and affiliations. It should provide an overall description of the research included in the symposium, inclusive of background, aims and significance, and how the proposed abstracts link together as a themed group of papers. The research presented should be significantly advanced or completed at the time of submission.

- **References** are not required. However, if you wish to include them, they must be included in the body of your text and included in the 300word count.
- **Special Symbols and Formatting** are to be used sparingly. Once your submission is complete, please read your abstract in in full to ensure the symbols are displayed correctly. If not, please click on the 'Special Character' icon on the screen to see the list of available characters to insert.
- **Tables or figures** should not be included in an abstract.

Symposium abstract submissions (max 400 words)

Symposium abstracts should be no longer than 400 words. Each abstract submission requires the title, authors and abstract text for the 4-5 papers within the symposium.

Additional Information

Chair

Please add the Chair of the Symposium

Discussant

Please add the Discussant of the Symposium

Does your abstract submission engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities in any way?

- Yes
- No

If yes, are you willing to incorporate the required information on 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Background' in your presentation/submission?

- Yes
- No
- No Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people or communities participated in my research

Submit

Once you are satisfied with your submission, select **SUBMIT ABSTRACT**.

You will receive a confirmation email with a submission number and information.

You may log in at any time prior to the site closing to update your submission.

Terms and Conditions

By submitting authors must agree to the following terms and conditions;

- The author(s) are responsible for the accuracy of the abstract and should ensure that they have written entirely original work which does not infringe any copyright.
- If the submission is accepted, I confirm that at least one author will register and pay to attend and present the abstract at the Conference.
- No funding is provided to those accepted to present by AARE. Any presenter not registered for the Conference by the deadline specified in the acceptance email may have their abstract removed from the proceedings and program.
- If third party material is used in the submission, I promise it does not and will not breach any existing
- Intellectual Property or a third party's Intellectual Property or Moral Rights.
- I give permission on behalf of all presenters and affiliations associated with the abstract submission, for the Abstract and PowerPoint to appear on the AARE Conference website, Conference phone app, AARE website and in printed Conference material if it is accepted for presentation.
- You give AARE / Think Business Events permission to film or photograph your presentation at the Conference.

Please note that your abstract will be published as supplied, but you do have the option to provide an amended version of your PowerPoint, which will be converted into PDF, should some of the content not be suitable for publication.

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ENQUIRIES

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